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**EAST BROAD TOP RAILROAD & COMPANY, WATER TANK
AT COLES STATION**

HAER PA-644

East Broad Top Railroad & Company (at Milepost 24.3), 0.5 miles
east of Coles Valley Road
Saltillo vicinity
Huntingdon
Pennsylvania

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A Pierce Bounds, photographer, April 2006

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| PA-644-1 | General view, looking toward project south at the tower. In railroad parlance, it looks toward railroad north – since it looks in the direction of Orbisonia along the tracks. The narrow gauge track seen in the view is the main line track; the passing siding is to its right (only one rail is visible – its extends upward from the lower right corner of the view). |
| PA-644-2 | Close-up view, looking toward project south at the north elevation of the tower. In railroad parlance, it looks toward railroad north – since it looks in the direction of Orbisonia along the tracks. Note the main line track at photo right, sandwiched between the two trees that have grown up since the railroad ceased to function. |
| PA-644-3 | Close-up view, looking toward project south at the north elevation of the tower, and featuring the single-story, wood-frame addition to the east side of the tower. The addition covered the stone-lined, gravity-fed water cistern, and contained a pump (now removed) that lifted water from the cistern into the water tank for use by trains. |

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- PA-644-8 General view, looking toward project north at the tower. In railroad parlance, it looks toward railroad south – since it looks in the direction of Robertsdale along the tracks. The narrow gauge track seen in the view is the passing siding; the main line track is to the right of the passing siding – but it is not visible in this view.
- PA-644-9 East (rear) elevation of the tower. In railroad parlance, Orbisonia (railroad north) would be toward the left, and Robertsdale (railroad south) would be toward the right.
- PA-644-10 Interior view, looking up toward project west at the heavy timber joists and center beam supporting the wood water tank. Note the iron compression bands around the perimeter of the tank. Note also the iron (steel?) water fill pipe for the tank, bent to fit between the joists and the tank wall.